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PROBLEM

Class standing data were available for (1) 53 Major Generals and 82 Brigadier Generals who had graduated from the United States Military Academy, (2) 50 Major Generals and 74 Brigadier Generals who had graduated from Command and General Staff College. The problem was to determine, for each of the four groups, what percent were graduated in the upper halves of their class and what percent were graduated in the lower halves of their class.

RESULTS

A frequency count of the samples is shown in Table I.

TABLE I
PERCENT GRADUATING IN UPPER HALVES AND
LOWER HALVES OF THEIR CLASSES

| Half of Class | USMA | | C/GSC | |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Maj. Gen. (N=53) | Brig. Gen. (N=82) | Maj. Gen. (N=50) | Brig. Gen. (N=74) |
| Upper | 63% | 58% | 90% | 74% |
| Lower | 32% | 42% | 10% | 26% |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

DISCUSSION

It can be seen that (1) most of the Major Generals and Brigadier Generals graduated in the upper halves of their USMA or C and GSC classes, (2) greater percentages of Major Generals than percentages of Brigadier Generals graduated in the upper halves of their classes, and (3) greater percentages of generals from C and GSC graduated in the upper halves of their classes than did percentages of generals from USMA.

In interpreting these results it should be remembered that class standings in USMA or C and GSC might well have been a consideration in making promotions, such as that to the rank of general officer.

It should be recognized that, in the study of generals from C and GSC (1) Of the 20 classes graduating in the period of graduations studied, 5 classes were not represented at all, 2 were not represented by Major Generals, and 1 was not represented by Brigadier Generals, (2) The ranks of officers upon entry to C and GSC was not known, (3) It was not known how many graduates of each class remained in the Army.

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